

Alumni to Sponsor Play

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The Yale University Drama School players will make their first Washington appearance in Stephen Vincent Benét's famous epic poem, "John Brown's Body" on March 29 in Lisner Auditorium.

The performance is being sponsored by local Yale alumni as a salute to the Civil War Centennial Commission, for the benefit of the Drama School scholarship fund.

The special performance was adapted for the stage by Charles Laughton, according to Herschel V. Williams of Washington and New York, playwright and Yale alumnus of both the university and its drama school.

The production includes music arranged and composed by Fenno Heath and a chorus of 25 in addition to the major speaking parts. This is one of the Drama School's first appearances away from New Haven with the exception of last year's production of "J. B." which toured Europe under the sponsorship of the cultural exchange program.

Co-chairmen of the benefit are Mrs. Dean Acheson and Mrs. Prescott S. Bush, both of whose husbands are active Yale alumni. Former Secretary of State Acheson serves on the Yale Corporation Board and Senator Bush of Connecticut had been a member of the Corporation Board until his term ended last year.

Sponsors include Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Brooke, Mr. and Mrs. Edward B. Burling, Jr., Donna Julia Brambilla, Mr. and Mrs. Blair Childs, Mrs. Marcella Du Pont, Mr. and Mrs. Albert B. Dewey, Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Dominick, Mrs. Rogers Denckla, Brigadier and Mrs. Donald Dunford, Mr. and Mrs. Kingman Douglas, Mr. and Mrs. Snowden Fahnstock and Mr. and Mrs. Percifor Frazer.

Others are Senator and Mrs. Bourke Hickenlooper, Mrs. Clarke McIlwaine, Mr. and Mrs. Forest Van Slyck, Mrs. Kent Legare, Mr. and Mrs. Kent Leavitt, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Mills, Rear Admiral and Mrs. Neill Philipps, Mr. and Mrs. McChesney Martin, Mrs. St. George

Ryan, Mrs. Hollister Sturges, Representative Katharine St. George, Mr. John Thacher, Mr. and Mrs. J. Berry Wallace and Rear Admiral and Mrs. C. Griffith Warfield.

Chairmen of the Yale Alumni group are Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Page Williams and chairman of the Yale Drama School Alumni is Mrs. Louis Hood, Jr. Mrs. Edwin F. Black is publicity chairman.

Mrs. Neil Cowham and Mrs. Harold Watson are co-chairmen of ticket sales. Tickets which are five dollars can be ordered by mail from the Yale Drama School Benefit, 2422 Tracy place N.W.